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SUBJ: IV PROGRAM - ANDREW WHITTAKER

1. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS ANDREW WHITTAKER, FINANCIAL EDITOR OF IRISH TIMES, IRELAND'S LEADING NEWSPAPER, FOR LEADER GRANT.

2. BIODATA: ANDREW WHITTAKER

PDOB: BELFST, N. IRELAND; JULY 20, 1940
CITIZENSHIP: BRITISH
HOME ADDRESS: 32 CROSTHWAIT PK. EAST. DUN LAOIRE, CO. DUBLIN, IRELAND.

3. ACADEMIC TRAINING: CAMPBELL COLLEGE, BELFAST; DUBLIN UNIVERSITY (T.C.D.) - SCIENCE AND PHILOSOPHY.

4. PRESENT POSITION: BUSINESS EDITOR, IRISH TIMES
PREVIOUS POSITION: IRISH TIMES FOREIGN EDITOR AND LONDON EDITOR.

5. PUBLICATIONS: ARTICLES IN VARIOUS JOURNALS; POETRY IN IRISH ENGLISH AND AMERICAN JOURNALS.

6. TRAVELS ABROAD: VISITED MOST COUNTRIES IN EUROPE AND REPORTED FROM MANY OF THEM. BRIEF WORKING VISITS TO EAST COAST, U.S., ACCOMPANYING GOI PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER FOR INDUSTRY.

7. PROPOSED ACTIVITY IN U.S.: WOULD LIKE TO MEET BUSINESSMEN,
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BUSINESS TEACHERS, FINANCIAL WRITERS AND WOULD PARTICULARLY LIKE

OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT THE SOUTH AND WEST COAST AREAS. VISIT TO WALL STREET JOURNAL, HARVARD BUSINESS SCHOOL AND ALSO MIDWEST AND WEST COAST BUSINESS SCHOOLS. VISIT WORLD BANK OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON.

8. PROPOSED DATE: SEPTEMBER 6, 1974.

9. MRS. WHITTAKER PLANS ACCOMPANY HUSBAND. THEY BOTH INTEND SPEND FEW DAYS VISITING MEXICO, AT THEIR EXPENSE, AND REQUEST IF DEPARTMENT CAN ARRANGE TO BREAK OFFICIAL VISIT FOR FEW DAYS FROM SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA POINT TO ALLOW MEXICAN STOPOVER. WOULD DEPARTMENT PLEASE CABLE ASAP APPROVAL IN PRINCIPLE OF WHITTAKER GRANT?
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